

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DR. ROBERT
L. CAMPBELL

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 4, 2002

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life and memory of the late Dr. Robert L. Campbell. His achievements and accomplishments in Colorado City, Colorado have assisted in bettering the community and its surrounding areas. Dr. Campbell was known as the "typical" country doctor, and served as the only physician in the Colorado City area. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure we honor today Dr. Robert Campbell, and remember the joy and compassionate inspiration he provided.

Dr. Campbell, known as Robert, was born on November 29, 1933 in Des Moines, Iowa. He spent his entire childhood in Iowa, and attained his Bachelors degree at the University of Iowa. In 1961, Robert moved to Englewood, Colorado, and while practicing medicine, assisted in reorganizing the current Community Health Center for Retarded and Handicapped Children and Adults. As an active member in the Englewood Chamber of Commerce, Public Relations Committee, and Selective Service Board, Robert succeeded as being a phenomenal role model and beacon to his friends, family, and the City of Englewood.

Robert's ascent to success was accompanied by his loving wife, Evelyn, and his children, Debbie, Parn, Julie, Robert, and Joan. He also leaves behind two grandchildren Robin and Aaron. Many knew Robert as a caring father and wonderful husband. He worked hard, and took great pride in the accomplishments of his children and wife. Robert himself was a modest individual, very humble, and never one to seek the rewards of his labor. For numerous years, Robert was the only doctor in his area, and provided countless house calls to the many residents of Colorado City, Colorado. He was the only physician assigned to the Pueblo City Jail, where he administered treatment and medicine to many incarcerated individuals. Truly, such a person of great integrity and respect deserves a word or praise, for without his efforts; many residents would have been without healthcare.

Mr. Speaker, it is with a sincere heart I honor the life of Dr. Robert Campbell. He was an extraordinary person who donated 100% of his knowledge and talents to anyone in need. Although we mourn the loss of Robert, we celebrate the many years of joy and care he provided to everyone he touched. I extend my deepest sympathy to Robert's family and friends during their time of grieving.

TRIBUTE TO U.S. MARINE RICK
ABERNATHY

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives to recognize and congratulate U.S. Marine Rick Abernathy. Rick is the proud owner of Ric's Kountry Kitchen in the country of Bahrain.

Last week, I enjoyed dinner at Ric's Kountry Kitchen. As a participant in the Congressional Delegation to Afghanistan, chaired by Mr. HOEKSTRA of Michigan, I had a chance to learn about Mr. Abernathy during the delegation's stop in Bahrain.

Rick is by all accounts a great American and seems to have a loyalty to the Great State of Texas. Rick established Ric's Kountry Kitchen as an oasis of sorts in the Middle East. The establishment is a little piece of America—a favorite spot for Americans traveling, living and working in the region. The restaurant has become the unofficial gathering spot for Americans abroad in or near Bahrain.

Mr. Speaker, Rick, through his enterprise, has become a fine ambassador for our country. Frequented by locals, too, Ric's is somewhat the face of America in Bahrain. Adorned with symbols of Liberty, freedom and faith, the restaurant conveys a powerful message of wholesome Americanism in a region where it is clearly needed. The American Flag is displayed proudly at Ric's. The food is great, too.

Mr. Speaker, I ask our colleagues to join me in extending the heartiest congratulations and best wishes of the House to Mr. Rick Abernathy and to the customers, employees and supporters of Ric's in Bahrain.

TRIBUTE TO DONALD D. WACKS

HON. ELLEN O. TAUSCHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 4, 2002

Mrs. TAUSCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a very special citizen in my district. Donald D. Wacks has provided northern California with nearly three decades of distinguished service to its students, parents, staff, and community as a progressive and exemplary elementary school principal. Don Wacks worked tirelessly for the improvement of student achievement, expanded professional staff development, and encouraged the involvement of parents and community in the critical mission of the education of our children. In this endeavor, I say that Don Wacks is one of America's quiet heroes.

Don Wacks was born in Passaic, New Jersey on August 20, 1927 of second generation American parents, Samuel & Lena Wacks. Don Wacks has a sister Janice and a brother

Gerald (deceased). Don Wacks moved from the East Coast to San Francisco where he attended Lowell High School and graduated with honors. He achieved honor roll status every semester of high school, received the California Scholarship Federation Award, and was a distinguished member of the debating society where he acquired skills and experience that have helped him throughout his life.

Don Wacks proudly served our country in the United States Military for much of his adult life. As an Army officer, he was stationed in Japan at the conclusion of WW II and continued to serve in the Army Reserve in the Civil Affairs unit of the 351st division of the Sixth Army, where he graduated from Command in General Staff School. He retired from the Army as a Lieutenant Colonel.

Don Wacks attended the University of California at Berkeley, earning both Bachelors and Masters degrees in Economics, and Credentials in Teaching and Administrative Education. He was a member of the Sigma Alpha Mu Fraternity, qualified for Phi Beta Kappa, and the Phi Delta Kappa in the National Education Honor Society.

After working as a student teacher in Orinda, California, Don Wacks then moved to the Newark Unified School District where he began his career as a Vice Principal from 1957 to 1959. He was a Teaching Principal at Schilling Elementary from 1959 to 1962, Principal at Snow Elementary from 1962 to 1979, and Principal at Milani Elementary in 1979, until his retirement in 1985.

Don Wacks is a person of strong values and convictions, which he believes, are best shared with others and practiced every day. As a child, he made a promise to himself to visit all of the world's continents and experience as much as he could during his life. Don Wacks kept the promise made that day, experienced 86 countries, and with a visit to Antarctica in early 2001, walked on all the world's continents. Much of his motivation for travel is to learn about the ethnic and cultural backgrounds of the peoples of the world and to spread peace and understanding through individual contact.

Don Wacks has always delighted in sharing his gifts and resources with people who are in less fortunate circumstances. He supports many causes and charities and is a member of numerous community organizations, programs, and fundraisers where he uses his life experience, travels, and compassion to improve the community wherever possible. Of great personal significance is his work as a volunteer grief counselor at the Widows and Widower's Network Center in Walnut Creek. He facilitates regular grief counseling groups and works regularly on their crisis line. He is a dedicated champion of environmental causes and considered himself an environmentalist long before it was popular.

Don Wacks feels especially proud of his daughter Marilyn, his son Ron, and his granddaughter Alyssea who embody many of his convictions, most especially being life-long learners and contributors to their communities.

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